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Department of Education's Legislative Agenda

Dear Senator Osten, Representative Walker, and Honorable Members of the Appropriations Committee, My name is Kelly Green and I am from Bolton, CT. I have a son and a daughter who attends Discovery Academy in Wethersfield which is a CREC Magnet School. I am asking you to please support an increase in the RESC state magnet grant.

I decide to drive my children every morning from Bolton to Wethersfield knowing that they will receive an amazing education. The overall involvement of everyone staff and member at the school has been the best I have ever seen honestly. The school has created a very welcoming and warm atmosphere in where the school reaches out personally to families in need and it is extremely wonderful. This has taught my children to respect not only staff and teachers but to respect their peers and themselves. This school goes above and beyond a normal public school and I continue to enroll my children here knowing that this is the better choice. While Bolton is a great town it can honestly never compare to the real environments that Discovery Academy can offer. The CREC schools have an amazing system that involves everyone to have an input. I have served as a Parent Senator for the past three years and have been able to work along side other dedicated parents and the superintendant. The willingness to work with families from Mr. Sullivan has been overwhelming in the best possible way. He wants nothing more than to keep creating an open welcoming environment for years to come. However with only a 1.9% increase in state funding for these schools it makes it impossible to keep the growth and all the amazing extras they offer going, I would hate to see Discovery Academy and the CREC schools be less than this due to improper funding from the state.

Our magnet schools are at risk. Without sustainable funding, CREC which operates 16 innovative schools, will be forced to either cut programming or to increase the tuition costs they charge to local school districts. I am asking the legislature to follow through on its promise to invest in the future of all students. Magnet schools have a successful track record of providing their students a chance to thrive. Currently the Sheff Stipulated Agreement requires the expansion of schools and program, before you add any more schools, please adequately fund those that you have established and that are thriving.

Thank you so much for your time,
Kelly Green

